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- Dertinger was ordered to report to Pus hkin immediately after the former's speech in Schwerin on 8 July 1950. Pus hkin inquired of Dertinger who had authorized him to go as far as he had in his Schwerin presentation and say "If we should be attacked, then it is to be hoped that we can defend ourselves as the Korean people are doing." Dertinger replied that he had not seen Semenov for several days and that he had throughout his speech employed the information already permitted by Pus hkin concerning what might be said with regard to Korea. Pus hkin expressed himself as satisfied. Dertinger maintained that he had in reality not mentioned the passage cited in the newspaper. He merely nentioned that the DDR would gain the unity of Germany by fighting (erkaempfen), but that he had never implied the use of an arms force.
- It is further reported that Ulbricht has demanded that the main,scripts of Dertinger must be discussed by the Minister Presidents before publication.
- The ADN representative in Schwerin has been ordered to the office. of the State Security Service where he was asked whether Dertinging really mentioned the questionable sentence which was reported by ADN a

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